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UNITED STATES CONTINUING UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION

under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)

Atty. Docket No. 99134CIPDIV

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Enclosed herewith is a continuing patent application and the following papers:

Inventors (or application identifier): **William J. Benton and Edward E. Miller**

Title of Invention: **POLYMER COMPOSITIONS**

- ☐ Continuation
- ☒ Divisional
- ☐ Continuation-in-Part

of prior application No. 09/574,896, filed 05/19/00.

1. ☒ Specification 19 pages (including specification, claims, abstract) / 29 claims (9 independent), after entry of the Preliminary Amendment.
2. ☒ Declaration/Power of Attorney:
 - ☒ Copy from Prior Application (for continuation or divisional application)
 - ☐ Newly Executed Declaration (for CIP application)
 - ☐ Deferred under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f)
 - ☐ Deletion of Inventor(s) - Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b)
 - ☒ Incorporation by Reference - The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein
3. ☒ 1 Distinct sheet of ☐ Formal ☒ Informal Drawing
4. ☒ Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.

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- Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence -- This application claims the benefit of, and is a divisional application of, co-pending U.S. Application No. 09/574,896 filed on May 19, 2000, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/165,789 filed on November 16, 1999, and is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 09/316,527 filed on May 21, 1999, now issued U.S. Patent No. 6,423,802.--

5. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement
- ☐ Form 1449
 - ☐ A copy of each cited prior art reference

6. ☒ Assignment
- ☐ Assignment with Cover Sheet attached
 - ☒ Assignment filed in prior application. Application assigned to: **Cabot Corporation** of Boston, MA; and **Fritz Industries, Inc.** of Mesquite, TX

7. ☒ Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based upon the following application(s) (provisional and foreign applications):

| Country | Application Number | Date of Filing (day, month, year) |
|---------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|
| US | 60/165,789 | 16 NOV 1999 (16.11.99) |

8. ☒ Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120 based upon the following application(s):

| Country | Application Number | Date of Filing (day, month, year) |
|---------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|
| US | 09/574,896 | 19 MAY 2000 (19.05.00) |
| US | 09/316,527 | 21 MAY 1999 (21.05.99) |

9. ☐ Priority document(s)

10. ☐ Small Entity Statement
- ☐ Small Entity status was claimed in prior application. Small Entity status is still proper and desired
 - ☐ Small Entity status is being claimed hereby.
 - ☐ is no longer claimed

11. ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission
- ☐ Computer Readable Copy

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- ☐ Paper Copy (identical to computer copy)
- ☐ Statement verifying identity of above copies

12. Calculation of Fees:

| FEEES FOR | EXCESS CLAIMS | FEE | AMOUNT DUE |
|--|---------------|--------|------------------|
| Basic Filing Fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(a)) | | | \$770.00 |
| Total Claims in Excess of 20 (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(c)) | 6 | 18.00 | \$162.00 |
| Independent Claims in Excess of 3 (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b)) | 6 | 86.00 | \$516.00 |
| Multiple Dependent Claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(d)) | 0 | 290.00 | \$0.00 |
| Subtotal - Filing Fee Due | | | \$1448.00 |
| | MULTIPLY BY | | |
| Reduction by 50%, if Small Entity (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9, 1.27, 1.28) | 0.50 | | \$0.00 |
| TOTAL FILING FEE DUE | | | \$1448.00 |
| Assignment Recordation Fee (if applicable) (37 C.F.R. § 1.21(h)) | 0 | 40.00 | \$0.00 |
| GRAND TOTAL DUE | | | \$1448.00 |

13. PAYMENT is:


- ☐ The Commissioner is authorized to debit the instant filing fee, in the amount of \$_____, and any other fees during the pendency of this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18, to Deposit Account No. 19-0733. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.
- ☒ not included, but deferred under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f)

14. All correspondence for the attached application should be directed to:

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16. Other: Application Data Sheets (3 pages); and return postcard.

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Enclosures